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Sir:

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. 1.56 and 1.97-1.98, and supplemental to the Information Disclosure Statement filed on April 9, 2001 in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, Applicants hereby call the following information to the Examiner's attention:

Applicants submit herewith an English language translation of the MUTOU article cited in the Information Disclosure Statement filed April 9, 2001. The MUTOU article was cited as:

An article by MUTOU, et al., published December 1, 1999, Vol. 5, No. 13, Industrial Daily News Co., Ltd. The Examiner indicated pages 93 to 100 as being relevant.

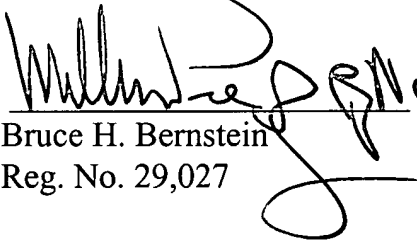
As noted in the Information Disclosure Statement filed April 9, 2001, the enclosed English translation of this article is submitted upon having become available.

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Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the above materials and cite the documents. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached PTO-1449 form to confirm consideration of these documents and to return a copy of the PTO-1449 form to the Applicants together with the next Official Action in the present application.

If there should be any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,  
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